

House Resolution No. 4170

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni which has been selected to receive a George Washington Honor Medal, a most impressive accolade to be bestowed upon it by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge during a luncheon on November 8, 2004, at The Gatesworth in Ladue, Missouri; and

Whereas, the Civilian Conservation Corps distinguished itself as the only conservation group that worked to save our country's environment on a national scale; and

Whereas, the Civilian Conservation Corps compiled an impressive list of achievement that helped save this country, a country that had been for over two centuries ravaged by rich and poor alike; and

Whereas, with over 4,500 camps in every state including Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, the Civilian Conservation Corps restored 3,980 historical structures and developed over 800 state parks; and

Whereas, through the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps over 20 million acres of soil erosion was ultimately arrested, 13,632,415 pounds of hardwood tree seeds and 875,970 bushels of cones were collected, 6,000,258 man days were spent in the operation of tree nurseries, and 7,622 impounding and large diversion dams were built; and

Whereas, the Civilian Conservation Corps stocked over one billion fish, spent 4,827,426 man days surveying and mapping millions of acres and hundreds of lakes, built 46,854 bridges and 4,622 fish rearing ponds, and installed approximately 5,000 miles of water supply; and

Whereas, the Civilian Conservation Corps improved 3,462 beaches, transplanted 45 million trees and shrubs, and planted over 3 billion trees where forests were logged and burnt off; and

Whereas, the Civilian Conservation Corps spent 202,739 man days fighting coal fires which had been burning since earliest history and built 27,191 miles of fences, 38,550 vehicle bridges, 32,149 wildlife shelters, 1,865 drinking fountains, 204 lodges and museums, and 3,116 lookout towers; and

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of the Civilian Conservation Corps "boys" learned their trade while proudly serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to the Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni upon its well-deserved selection to receive a George Washington Honor Medal; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni.

Offered by _____
Representative Patricia M. Yaeger
District No. 96

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4170, adopted September 28, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker